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REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	10/038,284
<i>Filing Date</i>	January 2, 2002
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Ralf Ehricht
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1634
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Betty J. Forman
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	235.022US1
<i>Customer No.</i>	21186

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled MICROCHIP MATRIX DEVICE FOR DUPLICATING AND CHARACTERIZING NUCLEIC ACIDS.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

1. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
2. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
3. An Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 (14 pages) is enclosed.
4. A check in the amount of \$36.00 is attached to pay the additional claims fee.
5. An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (2 pages).
 - a. 1 Form(s) 1449
 - b. 7 Copies of IDS Citations
6. A check in the amount of \$770.00 is attached to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.
8. A Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application (1 pages) is enclosed along with a check in the amount of \$950.00 to pay the extension fee.

9. Others:

SCHWEGMAN, LUNDBERG, WOESSNER & KLUTH, P.A.

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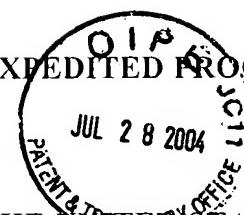
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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 1634

S/N 10/038,284



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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 28, 2004, please amend the application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from April 28, 2004 to July 28, 2004.

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